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Health Office,
Oxford Street,
Bridlington,
August, 1967.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Bridlington.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1966.

The Registrar General's figures for the year indicate a mid year population of 26,370, an increase of 120 compared with last year.

During the year there were 354 births and 491 deaths compared with 361 births and 496 deaths last year. The adjusted birth rate for the Borough of 16.64 compares with a national birth rate of 17.7 per thousand population, and an adjusted death rate of 11.73 compares with a national death rate of 11.7 per thousand population. The causes of death again follow the usual pattern, diseases of the heart and circulatory system being the major cause and cancer the second largest cause of death (together accounting for 80% of the total). Of the deaths due to cancer it is of interest to note that cancer of the lung and bronchus remains the most common and being more common in males than females. There were six deaths of infants under one year of age, compared with seven last year.

On infectious diseases relatively few were notified during the year and call for no special comment.

1966 saw the retirement of Mr. O'Hara as Chief Public Health Inspector, as reported in last year's Annual Report, and Mr. Featherstone, who took up the appointment in November. 1966, has submitted this year's report on the environmental health service, from this it will be seen that there are few changes in the sanitary circumstances. Water continued to be supplied by the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board and was satisfactory in quality and quantity. Sewage disposal continued as in previous years.

On housing, 34 properties in Kirkgate and Pinfold Street were again represented under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957. New houses continued to be built, 17 being erected by the Council and 109 by private enterprise during the year.

It is disturbing to note the drop in the number of inspections of food premises during the year, 1,604 in 1966, compared with 3,112 in 1965. In his section of the report Mr. Featherstone points out that certain food preparing establishments have not been inspected owing to the lack of time available to the Public Health Inspectors, and he makes a plea for an additional Public Health Inspector to meet the growing demands on their services.

Obtaining qualified Public Health Inspectors has always been difficult, but if the establishment of Public Health Inspectors employed find that they have insufficient time to carry out public health duties, such as the inspection of food premises, which are of special importance in a holiday town, then in my opinion consideration should be given to passing to Officers differently qualified the administration of those services which do not require Public Health Inspector training. Whatever other work the Public Health Inspectors are required to carry out, their essential public health duties must have first call on their time.

In presenting this report may I express my thanks to the Staff of my Department for their work during the year and to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MAUGHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

GENERAL

Area in acres	5,701
Population: 1966 Registrar General	26,370
Rateable value at 31st March 1966	£1,008,904
Sum represented by a penny rate	£4,077
Estimated number of inhabited houses	10,051

VITAL

Live Births:	
Number	354
Crude birth rate	13.42
Adjusted birth rate: Comparability factor R.G. 1.24	16.64
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births)	9.89
Still Births:	
Number	3
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	8.40
Total live and still births	357
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	6
Infant Mortality Rates:	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	16.95
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	18.81
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	14.12
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	11.30
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	19.61
Maternal Mortality (including abortion):	
Number of deaths	—
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	—
Deaths:	
Number	491
Crude death rate	18.62
Adjusted death rate: Comparability factor R.G. 0.63	11.73
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Rate per 1,000 population	0.04
Deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis	—
Rate per 1,000 population	—
Deaths from Respiratory Disease	31
Rate per 1,000 population	1.18
Deaths from Heart Disease	211
Rate per 1,000 population	8.00
Deaths from Cancer	101
Rate per 1,000 population	3.83

PROVISIONAL STATISTICS—ENGLAND AND WALES

Births

Live births 17.7 per 1,000 population.
Still births 15.4 per 1,000 total live and still births.

Deaths

Death rate 11.7 per 1,000 home population.
Infant Mortality ... 19.0 per 1,000 live births.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND POPULATION DURING LAST 20 YEARS

Year	No. of Births	No. of Deaths	Popula- tion
1947	458	348	22,410
1948	396	339	24,810
1949	354	351	24,140
1950	331	383	24,340
1951	324	424	24,750
1952	325	362	24,310
1953	317	354	24,390
1954	312	420	24,470
1955	247	401	24,520
1956	298	414	24,590
1957	278	420	24,780
1958	263	433	24,960
1959	324	432	24,970
1960	371	437	25,500
1961	384	495	25,590
1962	393	437	25,730
1963	375	464	26,000
1964	373	495	26,250
1965	361	496	26,250
1966	354	491	26,370

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BRIDLINGTON M.B., 1966 (R.G.)

	Males	Females
All Causes	243	248
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	1
Syphilitic Disease	—	3
Cancer, Stomach	5	7
Cancer, Lung, Bronchus	17	3
Cancer, Breast	—	12
Cancer, Uterus	—	7
Cancer, other sites	26	22
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	2
Diabetes	1	3
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	23	50
Coronary Disease, Angina	71	39
Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	1
Other Heart Disease	45	53
Other Circulatory Disease	6	7
Pneumonia	5	9
Bronchitis	14	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	2	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	—
Congenital Malformations	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	3
All other accidents	5	7
Suicide	5	1

AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS—1966

	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	5	1	6
1-4 years	1	—	1
5-14 years	1	—	1
15-24 years	2	1	3
25-34 years	1	1	2
35-44 years	5	2	7
45-54 years	10	8	18
55-64 years	36	22	58
65-74 years	88	59	147
75 years and over	94	154	248
	243	248	491

INFANTILE DEATHS

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year
Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE 1956-1966

Year	Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000
1956	6	20.1
1957	6	21.6
1958	4	15.2
1959	5	15.4
1960	7	18.9
1961	14	34.5
1962	9	22.9
1963	7	18.67
1964	12	32.17
1965	7	19.39
1966	6	16.95

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1966

Notifiable Diseases	Under 1 year	1 to 4 years	5 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	Over 65 years	Age Unknown	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	1	19	12	1	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1956-1966

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Dysentery	1	7	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	41	241	59	290	9	377	7	283	21	174	34
Meningococcal Infection	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	31	31	20	6	7	4	1	—	1	—	1
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Non-paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	15	9	6	26	9	8	—	1	1	2	2
Whooping Cough	83	56	3	7	14	2	—	3	5	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Number of cases on the Register 31st December, 1965	104	67	5	9	185
Added to the Register:					
(a) Cases notified for the first time during the year	1	—	—	—	1
(b) Un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notifications ...	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Inward transfers	1	1	—	—	2
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc.	1	1	—	—	2
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1966	105	67	5	9	186

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The hospitals in the town are under the Scarborough, Bridlington and Whitby Group of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board and are as follows:

Avenue Hospital

This hospital has 21 maternity, 17 acute medical, 10 post operative and 10 geriatric beds and 8 special care baby cots. During the year there were 592 live births. 10 chronic, 188 medical and 239 surgical patients were admitted.

Ante and post natal clinics are also held at this hospital.

Lloyd Hospital

This is a small general hospital, and a summary of the work carried out during the year is as follows:

Total admissions 1,544.

Out-patients Clinics, 3,669 new patients with 10,580 attendances.

X-ray Department, 4,853 attendances.

Physiotherapy Department, 888 new patients with 11,816 attendances.

Accident and Emergency, 7,204 new patients with 19,006 attendances.

Operations, 1,382.

Bempton Lane

This hospital has 72 geriatric beds, and during the year 107 patients were admitted.

Miniature Mass Radiography

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited the Borough in May and held public and private sessions. A total of 1,386 persons were examined.

NURSING HOMES

There are two Nursing Homes on the Borough Register.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Part III. Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Burlington House and Danes Lea. These two homes together have beds for 114 elderly persons.

Section 47

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this section during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES—

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

The following services are provided in the Borough by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority:

Infant Welfare Clinics

Two Infant Welfare Clinics are held in the Borough, one at the County Council's Oxford Street premises and the other in the Church Centre, West Hill. The Oxford Street Clinic is held every Monday and Thursday afternoons, and the West Hill Clinic on the first Wednesday afternoon in each month.

Attendances at the Oxford Street Clinic during the year were as follows:

By infants under 1 year of age	2,498
By children 1 to 5 years	432

Attendances at the West Hill Clinic were as follows:

By infants under 1 year of age	85
By children 1 to 5 years	48

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

During the year the three Nurse/Midwives residing in the Borough attended 3 domiciliary births.

Health Visiting

Four Health Visitors work in the Bridlington area from the Divisional Health Office, Oxford Street (telephone number 5381).

Home Nursing Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Domiciliary Midwifery Service and six Nurses (3 of whom are also Midwives) reside and work in the Borough.

Ambulance Service

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in St John Street (telephone number 2421).

Domestic Help

Home Help service which is rendered in the Borough is administered at County Hall, Beverley, and all applications for the service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone number 0482 881281).

Mental Health Service

The social club continued during the year to hold meetings at the Burlington Methodist Church each Friday at 7 p.m. The club had an average of 10 persons per week.

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY—SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authority schools in the Borough. In addition the following facilities are provided at the County Council's Oxford Street premises:

Minor ailment clinic ...	Daily 9 a.m. to 9-30 a.m.
Ophthalmic clinic	Twice monthly.
Dental Clinic	Daily.

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

Buckrose Health Division Co-ordinating Committee

Once every two or three months a Co-ordinating Committee, under the aegis of the County Council, meets in Bridlington to co-ordinate the work of officers in the district who are concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the Committee are the prevention of cruelty to children in their own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the Committee are representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the National Assistance Board, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Women's Voluntary Service, Probation Officers and a Marriage Guidance Counsellor. Representatives of other organisations are co-opted from time to time as the need arises. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer takes the Chair of the Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull.

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

British Red Cross

The British Red Cross Society, acting as agents for the County Council, provide a service for the loan of nursing requisites which may be needed for temporary periods for sick persons being nursed in their own homes. In Bridlington the Depot for these requisites is under the control of Miss Rowe, Divisional Headquarters, 33 South Back Lane.

Women's Royal Voluntary Service

The W.R.V.S. provide numerous services in the Borough, which includes:

Meals on wheels.

Good neighbour services.

Darby and Joan Clubs.

Trolley shop at Avenue Hospital and Burlington House.

Assistance with renewal of batteries for deaf aids.

Clothing in cases of need or emergency.

Canteen Service at Lloyd Hospital for out-patients.

Family Planning Association

The Family Planning Association hold a clinic each Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oxford Street premises.

Cervical Cytology

East Riding County Council hold a fortnightly cervical cytology session at the Oxford Street Clinic, Bridlington.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Bridlington lies within the North East Yorkshire Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and cases requiring the services of the Society are visited by Inspector White working from Scarborough. Inspector White's work is much appreciated by those of us in Bridlington concerned with child welfare.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR 1966

The Port of Bridlington is not a Food Importing Port, nor is there any Passenger Traffic.

SECTION I—STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
J. H. Maughan	Medical Officer of Health	1.4.58	M.B. B.S. D.P.H.	Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer, East Riding County Council.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health Health Office, Oxford St., Bridlington.
Telephone number 5381.

SECTION II
AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING
THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Net Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had dur- ing the voyage in- fectious diseases on board
			By the M.O.H.	By P.H. Inspector	
Foreign Ports.....	29	4,649	—	14	—
Coastwise	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign Fishing Craft (mainly for shelter)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	29	4,649	—	14	—

SECTION III
CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic ...	Number of passengers INWARDS	Nil
	Number of passengers OUTWARDS	Nil
Cargo Traffic ...	Principal IMPORTS	Potash and Aluminium
	Principal EXPORTS	Aluminium
Principal Ports from which ships arrive ...	WISMAR and FUSHES.	

SECTION IV
INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic...Nil

SECTION V
WATER SUPPLY

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| (1) Source of supply for (a) the district, and (b) shipping ... | Town |
| (2) Reports of tests for contamination | Satisfactory |
| (3) Precautions taken against contamination by hydrants
and hosepipes | Satisfactory |
| (4) Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and
powers of control by the Authority | Nil |

SECTION VI
PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

- (1) **List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6)**
Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure of supplying it to those persons Nil

(2) Radio Messages

- (a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district (Regulation 13) Through Humber Radio and normal telephone (link).
- (b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon (Regulation 14 (1) and (2)) ... Via Harbour Master.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by Radio (Regulations 14 (1) (b)).

Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon Via Harbour Master.

(4) Mooring Stations (Regulations 22 to 30)

Situation of stations, and any standing directions issued under these Regulations ... Under directions of Harbour Master.

(5) Arrangements for:—

- (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox—see Section VII) Provided by Leeds Regional Hospital Board.
- (b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts. Medical Officer of Health.
- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles ... Health Department.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from this district ... Castle Hill Infectious Diseases Hospital, Cottingham.
- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of ambulance crews East Riding County Council—Vaccinal state satisfactory.
- (3) Name of smallpox consultant available Dr. S. R. Jamieson, Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham, and Dr. A. Hutchison, Guildhall, Kingston-upon-Hull.
- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox In accordance with Part III of the Ministry of Health Scottish Home and Health Department Medical Memorandum on the diagnosis of smallpox.

SECTION VIII

VENEREAL DISEASES

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen Mill Street Clinic, Health Department, Kingston-upon-Hull—10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Friday, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday. St. Mary's Hospital, Scarborough—3-30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

SECTION IX
CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES
ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	—	—	—	—
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival ...	—	—	—	—
Cases landed from other ships ...	—	—	—	—

A short account should be given of the measures taken on arrival by ship of:—

- (a) Any cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D There were no such cases.
- (b) Any suspected case of any such disease No suspected cases.

SECTION X
OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS
 No cases notified.

SECTION XI
MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR
SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE
 No infected or suspected ships arrived.

SECTION XII
MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM
FOREIGN PORTS

- (1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats By Public Health Inspector.
- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year Specimens submitted to Public Health Laboratory Service, Kingston-upon-Hull.
- (3) Arrangements in the district for de-ratting ships, the methods used, and if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor Nil rats examined.
- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships ... Poisons—Trapping by Local Authority Rodent Operative.
- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships ... Nil.

TABLE E
RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM
FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F
DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM
FOREIGN PORTS

No. of Deratting Certificates issued				No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumiga- tion with	After Trapping	After Poisoning	Total		
Nil					

SECTION XIII
INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notices
Nature	No.	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Nil				

SECTION XIV
PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 & 1948

Information respecting any shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included No shell-fish layings.

SECTION XV
MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE ONLY TO PORTS
APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS)
 Not applicable.

SECTION XVI
MISCELLANEOUS

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease By Parks and Gardens Department on behalf of the Bridlington Borough Council.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH
INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT
FOR THE YEAR 1966**

Health Department,
Town Hall,
Bridlington.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Bridlington.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my first annual report concerning the environmental health services as administered by this section of the department.

The major statistical and factual content of the report were provided by my predecessor, however I can now in writing this report speak with a certain degree of hind sight on the work carried out during the year. None of the work is static in that new and complex problems continue to arise. I consider that it is my responsibility to draw attention to such matters in order that the correct decision will be made.

Meat inspection and other obligatory duties undertaken by the department have taken the lion's share of the District Public Health Inspectors' time with the result that we have neglected many of our statutory duties. The progress made under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 has been very slow indeed and it is not possible to carry out re-inspections at all owing to lack of time available.

Our record in the field of "Houses in Multiple Occupation" gives rise to great concern, only some 20 houses and flats have been inspected out of a total of over 2,000.

If the department is to progress and fulfil the duties and obligations over the whole range of services it will be necessary to take a serious look at the establishment for Public Health Inspectors. At the present time there is certainly an urgent need for another Public Health Inspector, in fact there is more than enough work for two. I would ask the Council to give this matter their urgent attention in order to ensure that the present situation does not deteriorate further.

In conclusion I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all my fellow officers and staff in the department for continued support and to record my appreciation of the confidence and backing which I have received from the Chairman and members of the Health Committee.

I am,

Yours faithfully

W. E. FEATHERSTONE,
Chief Public Health Inspector
and Cleansing Superintendent.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

The total number of inspections for all purposes amounted to 6,838 and were made up as follows:—

Sanitary inspections	3,586
Housing inspections	1,384
Food inspections	1,604
Shops Act inspections (Closing hours, etc.)	25
Factory inspections	42
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act inspections.....	197

In addition 998 interviews have taken place.

NOTICES SERVED

- 141 Preliminary Notices were served.
- 159 Preliminary Notices were complied with.
- 16 Statutory Notices were served.
- 8 Statutory Notices were complied with.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS

Accumulations	49
Animals	5
Camping Grounds	272
Dangerous Buildings	2
Dirty Houses	32
Drainage	377
Drain Tests	2
Dustbins	48
Flooded Premises	20
General Defects	313
Hospitals	5
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	1,051
Noise Nuisance	8
Offensive Smells	156
Offensive Trades	2
Places of Entertainment	6
Public Conveniences	118
Rats and Mice (excluding visits by Rodent Operator)	194
Refuse Collection	172
Refuse Disposal	81
Salvage	39
Smoke Nuisances	16
Stables, Piggeries and Cowsheds	115
Street Cleansing	92
Tents, Vans and Sheds	314
Water Courses	97
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	3,586
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Drains and Water Closets		Found	Remedied by rodding
Obstructed drains and water closets		483	465

HOUSING

STATISTICS

Total number of houses in the Borough	10,693
Houses erected during the year by:	
Local Authority	17
Private Enterprise	109
Houses in course of erection at end of the year:	
Local Authority	42
Private Enterprise	149
Flats provided by conversion:	
Properties converted	3
Resulting units	6
Total number of dwellings with pail closets	16
Total number of dustbins in the Borough	13,810
Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year	814

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1 (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	677
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,384
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	136
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	317
3. Number of visits to houses in Multiple Occupation	163

ACTION DURING THE YEAR IN RELATION TO UNFIT HOUSES

SLUM CLEARANCE

The Kirkgate No 1, No. 2 and No. 3 together with Kirkgate and Pinfold Street No. 4 areas were again represented to Council on the 12th October, 1966, with a view to effecting clearance by way of Clearance Order procedure. This course of action was the result of the Ministry Inspector who recommended that the Borough of Bridlington (Kirkgate and Pinfold Street Clearance Areas) Compulsory Purchase Order 1964 be not confirmed.

UNFIT HOUSES DEMOLISHED

16 houses were demolished in existing clearance areas, making 16 dwellings demolished and 5 families, totalling 14 persons were displaced.

Two houses were demolished as a result of procedure under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957.

Also during the year two houses were closed and two families, totalling four persons, were displaced, and under Section 18 of the 1957 Housing Act parts of two houses were closed. No re-housing was necessary.

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT

Informal action by the Council resulted in 28 houses being made fit and it was found that formal action was required under Section 9 of the Housing Act 1957 on one owner to make the house fit and 16 formal notices were required under Public Health Acts.

No Local Authority houses were required to be made fit.

OVERCROWDING

No serious cases of overcrowding were found.

RENT ACT 1957

No action required.

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

As stated in my opening remarks our record in this direction gives rise to great concern as only 20 houses and flats were inspected out of a total of over 2,000.

FOOD CONTROL

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The public slaughterhouse in Rhodena Avenue is still operated by the Corporation and is under control of the Health Committee. During the past year successful negotiations were completed between the Corporation and the British Railways Board for the purchase of the open field adjacent to the slaughterhouse for continued use as lairage facilities. The one private slaughterhouse at Corn Exchange Yard is still in operation.

A total of 9,050 animals were slaughtered in the Borough during the year, an increase of 493 over the previous year. Cattle and calves show decreases of 78 and 1, and sheep and pig increases of 591 and 31 respectively. The number of animals killed at the private slaughterhouse shows a decrease of 50.

Meat inspection is being carried out at the Public Abattoir and at the one private slaughterhouse. These duties are taking up to 70% of the District Public Health Inspectors' time. This may seem out of all proportion, nevertheless, it must be pointed out that it is incumbent of the Council to secure 100% inspection of all animals prior to and after slaughter. The time spent on meat inspection more than adequately shows why we are unable to do other work which we would and should like to do in other spheres.

FOOD HYGIENE

There are many premises in the town which do not comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations and there are many boarding houses and other food preparing establishments which have not been inspected. This situation has been forced upon us owing to the lack of time available. If we are unfortunate enough to have a food poisoning outbreak then no doubt this problem will receive the urgent attention it deserves.

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases inspected and condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1,382	—	2	4,845	2,821
Number inspected.....	1,382	—	2	4,845	2,821

Tuberculosis only:

Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	38
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis07	—	—	—	1.34

All Diseases except Tuberculosis:

Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	5	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	261	—	1	81	534
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	18.88	—	50	1.77	19

Incidence of Cysticercus Bovis:

Number of animals affected	11
Head	3
Heart Muscle	9
Percentage of animals affected with Cysticercus Bovis8

Unsound Meat Condemned

Tuberculosis only:

	Tons	Cwt.	Qrs.	lbs
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	3	3	1
Total Weight	—	3	3	1

All Diseases except Tuberculosis:

	Tons	Cwt.	Qrs.	lbs
Whole carcasses condemned	—	5	—	17
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	—	—	24
Total Weight	2	5	1	13

Tuberculosis and Non Tuberculosis:

Total Weight	2	9	—	14
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Organs Involved:

Tuberculosis only:

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Heads and Tongues	—	—	—	37
Lungs	1	—	—	—

All Diseases except Tuberculosis:

Heads and Tongues	11	—	6	7
Livers	101	—	52	198
Part Livers	121	—	3	—
Lungs	15	—	40	409
Kidneys	2	—	5	13
Udders	—	—	5	7
Hearts	10	—	11	110
Spleens	1	—	5	6
Stomachs	2	—	5	15
Intestines	—	—	5	17
Other carcase meat	1	—	9	11

Condemned meat and offal is removed to the Corporation tip and buried.

OTHER FOODS

Other Foods Condemned

	Tins	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.	Ozs.
Tinned Foods	77	—	2	2	23	5
Open Foods			9	3	1	4
Total Weight			12	1	24	9

In addition 1,958 jars, bottles and packets of foodstuffs, 13 crates of cauliflowers, 19 chocolate animal figures, 1 turkey, 7 chickens, 4 rabbits, 170 coconuts, 56 corn cobs, 33 pies and cakes, 36 bunches of onions and 8 stone of peanuts were condemned.

MILK SUPPLIES

All milk sold in the Borough is heat treated. There are two dairies in the town and 90 registered milk distributors. 49 visits were made to the aforementioned premises. There have been no major changes in pasteurising equipment during the year.

MILK SAMPLING

Designation of Milk	Methylene Blue		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory		Biological Examination		Tuberculosis		Brucella Abortus		No. of Samples Taken
									Neg.	Pos.	Neg.	Pos.	
Untreated		—		—		—		—	—	—	—	—	—
Designation of Milk	Meth. Blue	Sat.	Unsat.	Phosphatase	Sat.	Unsat.	Turbidity	Neg.	Pos.	Biological	Neg.	Pos.	No. of Samples Taken
Schools	64	62	—	64	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64
Pasteurised	79	76	—	79	79	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	79
Sterilised	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	25	—	—	—	—	25

5 samples were void to Methylene Blue test due to the permissible atmosphere shade temperature being exceeded.

This is a specified area and no milk may be sold to the general public for human consumption other than milk specially designated in accordance with the provision of the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1954, or the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960 to 1963, unless such milk has been pasteurised.

ICE CREAM

No. of Samples	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
1965				
296	202 68.2%	38 12.8%	36 12.2%	20 6.8%
1966				
135	99 73.3%	16 11.8%	14 10.3%	6 4.6%

Summary of the Result of the Examination of Ice Cream Samples 1966

Month	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Totals
January	—	—	—	—	—
February	—	—	—	—	—
March	1	2	—	—	3
April	6	1	—	—	7
May	22	1	—	—	23
June	17	1	1	2	21
July	20	6	5	1	32
August	9	5	8	3	25
September	21	—	—	—	21
October	3	—	—	—	3
November	—	—	—	—	—
December	—	—	—	—	—
	99	16	14	6	135

Ice Cream Manufacturers	8
Ice Cream Vendors	181
Number of Visits made to Ice Cream Premises	41

FOOD PREMISES

Number of types of food premises in the Borough

Bakehouses	28
Butchers	30
Confectioners and Sweet Shops	86
Crab Dressers and Boilers	5
Fishmongers and Poulterers	13
Fried Fish Shops	23
Greengrocers	24
Grocers	76
Hotels and Boarding Houses	615
Ice Cream Manufacturers	8
Licensed Premises (inc. Off Licences)	53
Markets	1
Market Stalls	22
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	80
School Canteens	7
Slaughterhouses	2
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Premises Registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Butchers registered for manufacture of meat products	29
Crab Dressers and Boilers	5
Preserved Food Manufacturers (other than Butchers)	32
Ice Cream Vendors	181
Ice Cream Manufacturers	8
Inspections of Registered Food Premises	109

Number of Inspections of Food Premises

Bakehouses	60
Butchers	61
Confectioners and Sweet Shops	57
Crab Dressers and Boilers	7
Fishmongers and Poulterers	27
Fried Fish Shops	43
Greengrocers	40
Grocers	103
Hotels and Boarding Houses	16
Ice Cream Manufacturers	41
Licensed Premises (inc. Off Licences)	8
Markets	115
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	228
School Canteens	41
Slaughterhouses	663
Stalls	30
Unsound Food Visits	64
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	1,604
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CLEAN AIR

Daily smoke filter and volumetric sulphur dioxide readings have continued during the year at Portland Place and Headlands Lower School. Sixteen smoke nuisances of various kinds have been dealt with during the year and it is pleasing to note that we have been called in by plant boiler operators for advice in plant installations, adaptations and in connection with the design and calculation of chimney heights. From our records it will be seen that there is an increase of central heating equipment being installed in houses throughout the town and the interesting side effect of this is the increase of refuse from these particular houses. I would in passing draw attention to the paradoxical situation which now prevails within the town concerning the installation of appliances capable of burning smokeless fuels. The Council in their wisdom have considered that there is not a need or demand to adopt the Bye-law concerning the installation of approved appliances. Yet the majority of premises under construction in the town are fitted with one or another form of central heating or appliances capable of burning smokeless fuels. In the older houses there is abundant evidence to show that the old coal-burning appliances are now being replaced at a rapid rate. From this I consider that it can be reasonably assumed that there is an awareness of the advantage of a smoke free atmosphere. Furthermore, the Council should add further impetus to this demand by adopting the said Bye-law as soon as possible.

DISINFECTIONS AND DISINFESTATIONS

Infectious Diseases

Sixty-eight visits were made in connection with notifiable infectious diseases.

Vermineous Premises

Disinfections were carried out at three premises.

Disinfestations were carried out as follows:—

Bees 3, Fleas 1, Flies 1, Cockroaches 10, Wasps 23, Clover Mites 5, Earwigs 16, Beetles 4, Silver Fish 1, Woodworm 1, Owner's Request 1. Total 66.

RODENT CONTROL

Visits

Public Health Inspector	194
Rodent Operator	810
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	1,004

WATER

Examining Laboratories:

Public Health Laboratory, Hull.

The Northern Analysts, Hull.

The Public Health Laboratory is used by the Health Department for Bacteriological Examinations. The presence of Free Chlorine in Chlorinated Water is carried out by my own staff.

In addition to the above, regular samples of water are taken by the East Yorkshire (Wolds Area) Water Board.

There have been no complaints regarding the quality or quantity of water within the Borough.

SAMPLING

PRIVATE SUPPLIES				
RAW WATER				
Bacteriological Examination Report				
No. Exam.	Excel.	Satis.	Susp.	Unsatis.
53	8	43	—	2

Total number of samples taken : 53.

SAMPLING

CHLORINATED WATER						
Bacteriological Examination Report				Chemical Examination for Free Chlorine		
No. Exam.	Satis.	Susp.	Unsatis.	No. Exam.	Present	Absent
12	12	—	—	17	17	—

Total number of samples taken : 29.

Average Free Chlorine content : .05 parts per million.

SAMPLES FROM SHIPS						
Bacteriological Examination Report				Chemical Examination for Free Chlorine		
No. Exam.	Satis.	Susp.	Unsatis.	No. Exam.	Present	Absent
11	10	—	1	11	11	—

Total number of samples taken : 22

Average Free Chlorine content : .01 parts per million.

EXAMINATION OF WATER FROM SWIMMING POOLS

CHLORINATED WATER						
Bacteriological Examination Report				Chemical Examination for Free Chlorine		
No. Exam.	Satis.	Suspicious	Unsatisfactory	No. Exam.	Present	Absent
51	46	—	5	54	54	—

Total number of samples taken: 105.

Average Free Chlorine content: .24 parts per million.

WELFARE ACTS AND REGULATIONS

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Work in connection with this Act has not proceeded as far as I would desire and, unfortunately, only seven offices, 14 retail shops and two catering establishments received an initial inspection during the year. We did, however, carry out 197 re-visits.

The total number of premises registered up to the end of the year is as follows:—

Offices	114
Retail Shops	278
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	20
Catering Establishments and Canteens	77
	489

It is hoped that during the forthcoming year more attention will be given to this very important Act, as it affects so many of the working section of our community.

CAMPING

LICENSED CAMPS

Situation	Owner	Number of Caravans
Marton Road, Bridlington Pinfold Street, Bridlington	Mr. W. Gatenby Messrs. G. V. & C. E. Parling	282 20
Jewison Lane, Bridlington Lime Kiln Lane, Bridlington	Mr. J. L. Ireland Park Estates (Bridlington) Ltd.	217 400
Jewison Lane, Bridlington Charity Farm, Sewerby	Mrs. G. M. Pilling Mr. H. Lount	60 188
Marton Poultry Farm, Bridlington	Mr. J. Rowley	100

Improvements are being made to all the camping sites within the Borough and this is a feature which will always be with us. The tendency is for standards to rise and it is our job to ensure that they do; we are constantly making suggestions regarding the improvement to permanent structures on the sites, at the same time trying to take account of the good aesthetic qualities which can be got with a little forethought when alterations in layout are being made.

CORPORATION CARAVAN PARK

Many improvements have been made and at the present time we are just completing another section of the road system. In addition, with the help of the Parks Superintendent, we are making rapid headway in the improvement to the gardens by planting shrubs and trees. Much is being done and more will have to be done if we are to set the correct example to the private licensed sites. Another feature which I have introduced is that concerning the need for greater care in choosing the right colours when painting works are necessary. I have now had all the public sanitary blocks painted in light pastel colours, which has made for light and bright looking buildings as opposed to the former drab greens.

To improve the refuse collection service to the caravans we have now begun replacing the traditional dustbins with large capacity bulk containers. This will reduce the number of pick-up points, and, in addition, we will be able to dispense with the practice of siting over 200 dustbins, which, to say the least, are rather unsightly. To sum up I would say that if the Caravan Park is to retain its eminence as one of the best in this country, then the process of modernisation and improvement will have to continue at a much faster rate.

ORGANISED CAMPING

The popularity of the camping site at South Cliff is beyond question, during the season the camp was used by a whole range of boys' clubs and other youth organisations. In addition, we had the usual Scooter Club Rally the District Association of the Camping Club of Great Britain. We also had the pleasure of once again receiving—at Easter and September—the Caravan Club. In total, all these organisations bring somewhere in the region of 4,000 visitors to the town, often at a time when trade is rather difficult.

Members of the Council will be aware of the proposals to move the camping site from its present location to the piece of land situated alongside the golf course and bounded by the Hull Road and the Wilsthorpe Road. I am rather concerned at this proposition for the following reasons. The present site is readily accessible to the beach, which is ideal for those using it and the site itself has excellent drainage even following very heavy and continuous rain. If we were to move to the proposed new site there would be the major problem of dealing with a site which is continually waterlogged and which may require costly drainage works. There is no direct access to the foreshore, which—unless there was a path through the Caravan Park—would mean a considerable detour for those wishing to use the facilities of the beach. A public footpath through or adjoining the Caravan Park could create a serious nuisance to the people on the Caravan Park and there would be a possibility of loss of revenue. I have discussed the question of the new site informally with some of the bodies and organisations using our present camping area and their reaction has been most unfavourable to say the least. In fact, many people have said that it would be the end for this type of amenity in Bridlington for the reasons I have already described. Personally, I think it would be a mistake to alter the current arrangements, and would ask that representatives of the organisations concerned are at least asked for their observations before a final decision is taken.

FACTORIES

Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	165	41	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	1	1	—
Total	176	43	3	—

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	2	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
Total	4	3	—	—	—

